

Attorney Docket No. SIC-04-033**DECLARATION**

As a below named inventor, I declare that My residence, post office address and citizenship as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: BICYCLE SHIFT DEVICE HAVING A LINEARLY SLIDING SHIFT LEVER OPERATED BY A PIVOTING INTERFACE MEMBER the specification of which is attached hereto or XX was filed on September 30, 2004 as Application Serial No. 10/711,702 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

| Country | Application No. | Date of Filing | Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119 |
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I claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| Application Serial No. | Date of Filing | Status |
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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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| Signature of Inventor 1 <i>Tatsuya Kawakami</i> TATSUYA KAWAKAMI | Signature of Inventor 2 | Signature of Inventor 3 |
| Date <u>Nov. 5, 2004</u> | Date | Date |

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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, TATSUYA KAWAKAMI
of 1-1-34-502 Ebaraji-cho, Sakai, Osaka, 593-8304, Japan
hereinafter referred to as "Assignor," is the inventor of the invention described and set forth in the
below identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of the Invention: BICYCLE SHIFT DEVICE HAVING A LINEARLY SLIDING SHIFT
LEVER OPERATED BY A PIVOTING INTERFACE MEMBER

Date of execution of Declaration: November 5, 2004

Filing date: September 30, 2004

Serial No.: 10/711,702; and

WHEREAS, Shimano, Inc., a Japanese corporation, located at 3-77, Oimatsu-cho, Sakai, Osaka, Japan, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring Assignor's interest in the invention and application and in any Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer to Assignee, and to Assignee's successors and assigns, all of Assignor's right title and interest in and to the invention and application, and in and to any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had this Assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignor further agrees that Assignor will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of said application and/or applications, execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications for Letters Patent and for the reissue thereof, and instruments of assignment and transfer thereof, and will perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or in Assignee's successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has signed his/her name on the date indicated.

Tatsuya Kawakami
TATSUYA KAWAKAMI

Date: Nov. 5, 2004